

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 972 – SB 1168

January 16, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to maintain staffing levels of case managers so that each region has enough case managers to allow caseloads to be not at more than 20 active cases relating to initial assessments or 20 children monitored and supervised in active cases relating to ongoing services.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (011311): Deletes the provision of the original bill that requires case managers in each region to have no more than 20 active cases relating to initial assessments or 20 children monitored and supervised in active cases relating to ongoing services and replaces it with a new provision to prohibit caseloads from exceeding an average of 20 active cases relating to initial assessments or an average of 20 children monitored and supervised in active cases relating to ongoing services. Changes the effective date from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the DCS, staffing levels of case managers currently allow for the average caseload within each region to be within the proposed caseload caps. It is assumed that the DCS will be able to continue to operate under the caseload caps, without incurring any additional expenditures. Any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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